



Congressional Legislative Endorsement

Bill No. and Title:	H. R. 7504 <i>The Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act</i>
Committee:	Veterans' Affairs
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Legislative history:	House – 02/29/2024 Introduced House – 03/22/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
Summary of legislation:	The Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act, aims to improve veterans' transportation options to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities for veterans living in rural areas. This bipartisan bill would expand eligibility to the VA's Highly Rural Transportation Grant Program, which provides grant funding for veteran service organizations and state veterans service agencies to provide veterans transportation in eligible counties, by increasing the maximum amount of funding granted to purchase an ADA-compliant vehicle. The bill would also modify the existing grant program to include both rural and highly rural counties, by redefining "rural" and "highly rural" using Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) designations to better account for population density, urbanization, and commuting patterns.
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